



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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August 6, 2004

Ms. Rorie Skei  
Acting Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
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### **Grant Application - Proposition 50 Funds Project Planning and Design**

Dear Rorie:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for Project Planning and Design for Proposition 50. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$200,000 from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) Chapter 10, Section 79570(c).

The proposed grant would fund activities directly related to the acquisition, protection and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for a subset of projects listed on the MRCA Workprogram, located in the upper Los Angeles River Watershed and within the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay and Ventura County. The MRCA will provide direct services related to the expeditious acquisition or improvement of remaining open space parcels and/or sites with open areas or removable improvements for reclamation within the potential eligible projects on the attached project list.

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If you have any questions regarding this, please contact our project manager, Cara McLane, at 323-221-9944, extension 117.

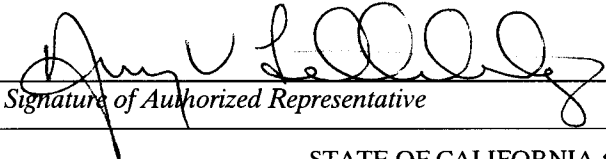
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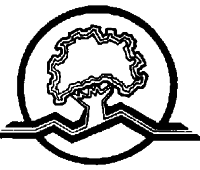
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Michael D. Berger  
Chairperson

Attachments:      Application

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION – PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS**

<b>Project Name:</b> Project Planning and Design – Prop 50		<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$200,000.00 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$200,000.00										
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		<b>Amount of Match:</b> <b>Source of Match:</b>										
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065  <b>Phone:</b> 323-221-9944 <b>Fax:</b> 323-221-9934		<b>Project Address:</b> various <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">County</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Senate District</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Assembly District</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Los Angeles, Ventura</td> <td>various</td> <td>various</td> </tr> </table> <b>Email:</b> Cara.McLane@mrca.ca.gov		County	Senate District	Assembly District	Los Angeles, Ventura	various	various			
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<b>Grantee's Representative Authorized in Resolution:</b> Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer <span style="float: right;">323-221-9944, x109</span> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><i>Name and Title</i></span> <span><i>Phone</i></span> </div>												
<b>Person with day-to-day responsibility for project (if different from Authorized Representative):</b> Cara McLane, Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning <span style="float: right;">323-221-9944, x117</span> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><i>Name and Title</i></span> <span><i>Phone</i></span> </div>												
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<b>For Acquisition Projects:</b> <b>APN(s):</b> N/A <b>Acreage:</b> N/A												
I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.												
 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <i>Signature of Authorized Representative</i>			8-23-2004 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <i>Date</i>									
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### **EXHIBIT A - PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BUDGET PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN – PROPOSITION 50**

8/10/04

Project planning and design activities leading directly to the protection of land and water resources in the upper Los Angeles River Watershed and within the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay and Ventura County pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000) of the Public Resources Code. Potential projects in these areas are listed below. The proposed grant would fund activities directly related to the acquisition, protection and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for a subset of projects listed on the MRCA Workprogram, located in the above-referenced geographic areas.

The geographically specific project list includes both land acquisition and improvement projects that protect land and water resources in order to reduce pollution, capture additional storm water runoff, protect and manage groundwater, reduce pollution of the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and to provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Land acquisition includes both obtaining fee simple title and conservation easements. Such land acquisition can be via direct purchase, donation, or dedication. The MRCA will provide direct services related to the expeditious acquisition or improvement of remaining open space parcels and/or sites with open areas or removable improvements for reclamation within the potential eligible projects on the attached project list.

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Potential projects are divided into two geographic areas – the eligible coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay and Ventura County, and the eligible portion of the Los Angeles River watershed. \$147,000 is budgeted for projects within the upper Los Angeles River watershed, and \$53,000 is budgeted for projects in the eligible coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay and Ventura County.

**PROJECT BUDGET****Task 1 – Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Projects**

Personnel (including benefits and overhead)	\$ 96,000
Legal	\$ 7,000
Transportation (mileage and vehicle allocation)	\$ 7,000
Appraisals and Title Reports	\$ 24,000
Environmental Assessments	\$ 8,000
Mapping/Graphics	\$ 5,000
<b>Task 1 Total</b>	<b>\$ 147,000</b>

**Task 2 – Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay and Ventura County Projects**

Personnel (including benefits and overhead)	\$ 26,000
Legal	\$ 4,000
Transportation (mileage and vehicle allocation)	\$ 3,000
Appraisals and Title Reports	\$ 18,000
Environmental Assessments	\$ 0
Mapping/Graphics	\$ 2,000
<b>Task 2 Total</b>	<b>\$ 53,000</b>

<b>Total Budget, Project Planning and Design</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>
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**POTENTIAL PROJECTS LIST**  
**TASK 1 - UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED**

- a. Incorporation of LACO Flood Control right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent, or near adjacent, parcels for the following sections of the Los Angeles River:
  - Los Angeles River from Bell and Calabasas Creek confluence to Tujunga Wash confluence
  - Los Angeles River from Verdugo Wash to northernmost point of Vernon
- b. Pacoima Wash: Acquisition and restoration of wash adjacent properties in the City of San Fernando and portions upstream to the Angeles National Forest
- c. Hansen Dam Basin: Restoration of habitat in the basin
- d. Incorporation of LACO Flood Control right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent parcels for the following tributaries of the Los Angeles River:
  - Bell Creek between Valley Circle Boulevard and Shoup Avenue
  - South Bell Creek between Royer and Fallbrook Avenues
  - Aliso Creek, Chatsworth Creek, Santa Susana Creek, Limekiln Creek, and Browns Canyon Wash-south of the 118 Freeway and north of Roscoe Boulevard
- e. Acquire and restore open space in the following tributary watersheds of the Los Angeles River between the Angeles National Forest and the 210 Freeway:
  - Grapevine Canyon – complete dedication and donations in progress
  - Lopez Canyon, Kagel Canyon, Little Tujunga Canyon – process and negotiate open space acquisitions, dedications, and donations in the area between the built environment and the Angeles National Forest
  - Big Tujunga Canyon – acquire City of Los Angeles and Department of Water and Power surplus property and City of Los Angeles entitlement dedications between the 210 Freeway and the Angeles National Forest
  - Millard Canyon – acquire parcels between the Angeles National Forest and Canyon Crest Road
- f. Acquire and restore open space in the following tributary watershed of the Los Angeles River between the Sepulveda Basin and the Simi Hills:
  - El Escorpián Canyon – between Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve and Valley Circle Boulevard
- g. Implement Sun Valley Watershed restoration and enhancement projects (as defined in the October 2003 Sun Valley Watershed Management Plan)
- h. Mount Olympus – Acquire fee simple and conservation easement open space in the Montecito and Lincoln Heights

- i. Mount Washington: Acquire and restore open space lots that preserve prominent viewsheds and maintain wildlife movement between Elyria Canyon Park and Heidelberg Park
- j. Walnut Canyon (Cazador Ridge): Acquire and restore open space lots close to public access points
- k. San Rafael Hills: Acquire and restore open space in the cities of Pasadena, Glendale and La Cañada-Flintridge at the east end of the San Rafael Hills north of the 134 Freeway
- l. Sheldon Arleta Spreading Grounds: Acquire property from the L.A. City Department of Water and Power and restore native habitat
- m. La Tuna Canyon: Acquire and restore open space up stream of Sunland Boulevard including the Canyon Hills-Whitebird and Hillview properties abutting the 210 Freeway, and the Majors property at the eastern end of the Verdugo Mountains
- n. Dixie Canyon Park: Stream restoration to facilitate TMDL compliance
- o. Elysian Valley-Marsh Street Park: Stormwater management enhancements on existing MRCA property
- p. Hazard Park: Acquisition and restoration of open space on City of Los Angeles property
- q. Ascot Hills: Acquisition and restoration of open space on City of Los Angeles property

**POTENTIAL PROJECTS LIST**  
**TASK 2 - COASTAL WATERSHEDS OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY**  
**AND VENTURA COUNTY**

Land Acquisition and restoration in the following coastal canyon watersheds within the Santa Monica Mountains zone:

- a. Topanga
  - Acquire surplus Los Angeles County property in the Sylvia Park and Hillside Drive area
  - Acquire property in the Kerry Lane Area
  - Acquire property between Mulholland Gateway Park and Garapito Creek stream channel east of Ed Edelman Summit Valley Park
- b. Tuna
  - Acquire property in SEA 10 that abuts the northern boundary of Tuna Canyon Park
- c. Las Flores
  - Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope wildlife corridor between Tuna and Las Flores Canyons
- d. Malibu
  - Acquire property in the upper Stokes Canyon tributary, upper Cold Creek/Dark Canyon tributaries and upper La Sierra Canyon tributary, and dedications along Mulholland Highway in the Cold Creek tributary
- e. Puerco
  - Acquire dedications from City of Malibu development projects
- f. Corral
  - Acquire property to connect Corral Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park
- g. Solstice
  - Acquire property to connect Solstice Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park
- h. Latigo, Escondido, and Ramirez Canyons
  - Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope, east-west wildlife corridor between Solstice Canyon Park and the Zuma Canyon unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
- i. Encinal
  - Acquire pending donations and Offers to Dedicate

j. Lechuza

- Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

k. Los Alisos

- Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

l. Nicholas

- Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

m. Arroyo Sequit

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n. Calleguas Creek

- Acquire conservation easements in agricultural lands along Calleguas Creek at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains to the Point Mugu Naval Air Station